Proposal to increased metro trains and coaches

1162. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of metro trains and coaches at present with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation;

(b) whether in view of increasing requirement of metro travel in the national capital, there is any proposal to increase the number of metro trains and coaches; and

(c) if so, the number of trains and coaches proposed to be added during 2006-07 and 2007-08, separately, with the source of supply and the expenditure to be incurred, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd. is presently having 60 trains, each comprising of 4 coaches *i.e.* a total of 240 coaches.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) DMRC has planned to induct 6 trains, each comprising of 4 coaches (24 coaches) in the year 2006-07 and 4 more trains, each comprising of 4 coaches (16 coaches) in the year 2007-08. These coaches will be partly manufactured, assembled & tested at Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEML), Bangalore by the Consortium of Mitsubishi Corporation/Japan, Rotem/ Korea, Melco/Japan. The approximate expenditure will be Rs. 140 crore in the year 2006-07 and Rs. 90 crore in 2007-08.

Vacant hotel plot on Lodhi Road

1163. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a hotel plot on Lodhi Road, New Delhi behind Oberoi hotel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this was allotted to Delhi Tourism which later on signed an agreement with a private hotel chain to build a 3-star hotel; and

(c) the present status since the plot is still lying vacant and there is huge demand for more hotels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. This plot was allotted to Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation on 24.5.1983. Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation (DTTDC), without the approval of the lessor, entered into an agreement with the East India Hotels Ltd. and Oberoi Palaces and Resorts International, which was against the terms and conditions of the allotment to DTTDC.

(c) The allotment stands cancelled. The Matter is *sub-judice* and the plot is lying vacant at present.

Incentive package to NCR States for infrastructure development

1164. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had announced a performance linked incentive package for NCR States to boost infrastructure development in the region;

(b) if so, whether incentive would be in the form of reduction of interest rates on loan for projects on their conformity to regional plan 2021;

(c) whether his Ministry has constituted a high-powered group to identify solution to the problems of NCR and suggest modes to finance them; and

(d) whether his Ministry has also set up an empowered Committee to coordinate and monitor various critical activities essential to make NCR a region of global excellence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) has been providing a Performance Linked Incentive of 0.50%, in the form of reduction in interest rates on loans sanctioned for infrastructure projects, to the concerned State Government/ Implementing Agencies in the NCR.

In additional in its meeting on 24.5.2006 the Board has decided to provide the following incentives to the State Governments and or its Implementing Agencies in the NCR:—

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(i) Interest rebate of 0.25% on the loan for ensuring that the projects implemented in the NCR are in consonance with the Regional Plan-2021 and other functional plans supplementary thereto and